



ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

'Do all that you do with Love'

15th May 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MRS EXLEY

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and joy-filled week at St Thomas More. Our Year 6 children have now completed their SATs, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. They approached the week with determination, maturity, and a wonderful sense of calm. Their hard work has truly shone through.

We also received lovely feedback from parishioners following our whole-school Mass on Thursday. One parishioner took the time to call the school to share how impressed they were with the children's behaviour and the respectful way they represented St Thomas More. Moments like this remind us of the strength of our school community and the values our children live out each day.

We couldn't be prouder of them and, most importantly, of the staff who work tirelessly to guide, support, and nurture them.

Looking ahead, we have several school trips taking place over the coming week, and excitement is building across the school. These experiences enrich our curriculum and offer wonderful opportunities for the children to explore, discover, and learn beyond the classroom. We can't wait to hear all about what they have learned.

Wishing all our families a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Every Blessing
Julieann



Loving and merciful God,
we thank You for the gift of family.

Bless all families today with peace, love, and unity. Strengthen them in times of difficulty, and help them to forgive, understand, and support one another. Guide parents in wisdom and patience, and watch over children with Your care and protection. May every home be filled with kindness, faith, and hope.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





USING OUR GIFTS TO SERVE OTHERS ✨

Year 2 explored what it means to be grateful and generous. We discussed the gifts and talents that God has given us, how we can thank Him for them, and the different ways we can use our talents to help and serve others.

YEAR 5 CREATIVE TRINITY SYMBOLS †

In RE yesterday, Year 5 continued learning about Pentecost and explored the role of the Holy Spirit within the Holy Trinity. The children discussed symbols such as the triangle and shamrock before designing their own creative Trinity symbols using colours, shapes, and images to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Everyone was incredibly focused and produced some fantastic designs we can't wait to share the finished creations with you next week!



ASCENSION DAY MASS

"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS..."



The whole school gathered this afternoon for Ascension Day Mass in church. We celebrated the special feast day when Jesus returned to heaven, 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The year 3 children led the readings, prayers of the faithful and offertory. We listened to the Gospel of St Matthew where Jesus meets his disciples on a mountain and gives them a special job. This teaches us that rather than a sad goodbye, Ascension Day is a joyful celebration of a new beginning. It marks the moment Jesus passed the baton to his followers including all of us today!

During the homily, Father Damian spoke about the Holy Spirit, and we practiced making the sign of the cross correctly – the children listened and participated with enthusiasm.

Well done to Harvey and Annika in year 5, who helped with the music and PowerPoint today. They have begun their training and will be leading this when they are in year 6. Father Damian commented on the teamwork between them and our Year 6 veterans Stephanie and Jeffrey. The alter servers from Year 5 and Year 6 also did a fantastic job, and Father Damian was very pleased with their support and conduct.

The mass was uplifting and children sang the tricky hymns joyfully. We have reintroduced singing the Gloria again, which raised the spirits of everyone on this special day.

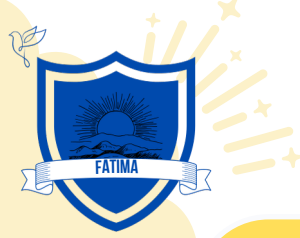
Thank you to all the parents who joined us this afternoon. Our next whole school Mass will be in June and will take place in school for our St Thomas More feast day celebration.

Year 5 will lead and more information will be given nearer the time.



TIME TO CELEBRATE

WINNING HOUSE



ATTENDANCE AWARD:
YEAR 6



CERTIFICATES

RECEPTION

YEAR 3

YEAR 1

YEAR 4

SEE NEXT WEEK

YEAR 2

YEAR 5

YEAR 6

Proud Moments at St Thomas More



Congratulations to Pearl, who achieved a RAD Level 2 Award in Solo Performance in Dance at Grade 4! What an amazing achievement.

We are so proud of her accomplishment.

What an incredible God-given talent she has! ✨🩰

ST. THOMAS MORE IN ACTION!

YEAR 4



BEATLES BEATS AND RECORDER TREATS!

This term in Music, Year 4 have been exploring songs by The Beatles, with a particular focus on the classic song Let It Be. The children have also been learning to play the recorder and have made fantastic progress. Many can now confidently play the notes C and D. Well done, Year 4!



YEAR 3



Understanding Denominators in Maths

In Year 3 Maths, we have been learning that the denominator tells us how many equal groups a whole is divided into. We used counters to help us represent fractions and explain our working out clearly. The children did a fantastic job using practical resources to deepen their understanding and confidently share their ideas.



YEAR 6

INSPIRED BY YAYOI KUSAMA

In Year 6, we have been exploring the work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and some of her contemporaries. Building on our learning from last year, the children will be creating clay sculptures inspired by her unique artistic style and famous patterns. We are looking forward to developing our sculpting techniques and creativity through this exciting art project.

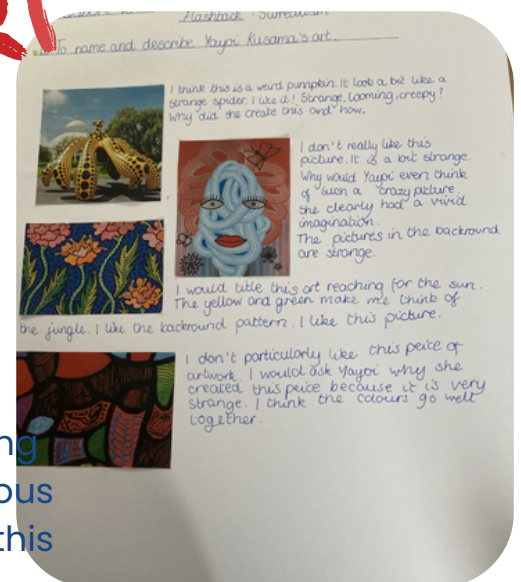
RECEPTION



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY IN RECEPTION

Our Reception children explore and continue their learning journey every day through our outdoor area and continuous provision activities. Here are some of the highlights from this week, including muddy spaghetti play, chocolate playdough, team-building activities, and amazing construction models such as a butterfly and a church!

ART



Our Lady's Month

SWEET TREATS,
BIG PURPOSE!

BAKE SALE

HOSTED BY
YEAR 6

Delicious treats for a great cause!

All money raised will go towards
supporting and enriching the learning,
faith and future of our students at

+ ST THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE:
MONDAY
18TH MAY

DRESS UP!
ALL PUPILS CAN
WEAR **FLORAL**
CLOTHING!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Monday 18th May	Art Week in school
Tuesday 19th May	Year 4 Class Trip
Wednesday 20th May	Reception Class Prayer Service
Wednesday 20th May	Year 2 Class Trip
Thursday 21st May	Year 5 Class Trip Story Museum
Friday 22nd May	Year 6 SATS treat Harry Potter Studios
Friday 22nd May	Art Week Exhibition in school 2:30pm



HALF TERM

MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH MAY



Monday 1st June	Back to school
Friday 5th June	School Nurse vision screening visit
Sunday 7th June	Holy Communion
Monday 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
Wednesday 10th June	Year 6 Prayer Service
Monday 15th June	Refugee Week
Tuesday 16th June	Year 1 class trip
Thursday 18th June	Farm Visit Early Years
Sunday 21st June	Year 6 Confirmation
Wednesday 24th June	Year 4 Prayer Service

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Wednesday 24th June	Year 3 Class trip
Wednesday 24th June	Gosford Hill Transfer day
Wednesday 24th June	DT Week in school
Tuesday 30th June	Year 5 to Gosford Hill production of Matilda
Friday 3rd July	Rocksteady concert
Friday 10th July	Sports Day (Year 1 – Y6)
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 9:30am
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
Friday 17th July	School finishes 1:00pm (no after school club)
Monday 20th July	INSET day

St Thomas More Academic calendar 2026/2027

September 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

October 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40				1	2	3	4
41	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44							1
45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
49	30						

December 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
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51	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
53	28	29	30	31			

January 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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7	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
12	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
13	29	30	31				

April 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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16	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
17	26	27	28	29	30		

May 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
17						1	2
18	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
21	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
22	31						

June 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22		1	2	3	4	5	6
23	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
24	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	28	29	30				

July 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
26				1	2	3	4
27	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
28	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
29	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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August 2027							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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33	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
34	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Inset Days	Bank Holidays
Half Term	

School Closes at 1.00 on Friday 18th December, Thursday 25th March 2027 and Friday 16th July